

(1) "Marketable oyster" means any oyster measuring [three] 3 inches or more from hinge to mouth.

4-1004.

(a) A person may not catch oysters or clams for commercial purposes in the waters of the State unless he first obtains a license. A person may catch up to [one] 1 bushel of oysters from the natural oyster bars of the State for his own use and consumption without a license, in places and at times prescribed by rule or regulation of the Department.

4-1009.

(c) A person may not land, sell, or attempt to land or sell on any day oysters from the waters of the State exceeding the daily catch limit established by the Secretary by more than [ten] 10 percent. A licensed oyster buyer or dealer may sell or attempt to sell oysters which he shows were purchased from another catcher.

4-1013.

(b) The licensee shall securely attach the two numbers, furnished by the Department with each dredging license, to the shrouds of the foremast on the port and starboard sides of the boat, with the bottom or lower edge of the number not less than [four] 4 feet above the deck. The numbers shall be displayed in an upright position to provide maximum visibility at all times during the dredging season, and may not be concealed or defaced. Each number shall be painted in black figures on white durable material [two] 2 feet by [two] 2 feet in size. The material shall be selected by the Department. The numbers on the material may not be less than 16 inches in height and a proportionate width.

4-1015.

(a) A person who catches oysters from the waters of the State with any scoop, dredge, tong, rake, or any similar instrument shall cull the oysters on the natural bar from which they were caught, and return every shell to the bar. Any oyster whose shell measures less than [three] 3 inches in length, from hinge to mouth, whether or not attached to a marketable oyster, shall be included in the culling and replaced [upon] ON the bar from which caught. If any oyster measuring less than [three] 3 inches adheres so closely to the shell of a marketable oyster that it renders impossible its removal without destroying the small oyster, then both oysters shall be returned to the bar from which caught. However,